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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ALEXANDRE PERCIVAL DODGE)
Application No.: 09/983,039)
Filed: October 22, 2001)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS : January 18, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original Abstract with the following substitute Abstract:

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to replace the original Abstract with a new Abstract of 150 words or less, as required by the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers mailed on November 21, 2001. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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